



**PROGRAM OF EXERCISES  
ATTENDING THE UNVEILING OF  
THE STATUE OF  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON**

**SOUTH PLAZA, TREASURY BUILDING**

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**MAY 17TH, 1923**



ALEXANDER HAMILTON was born in the island of Nevis, West Indies, on January 11, 1757, and died in New York July 12, 1804. At the age of 12 years it was necessary for him to earn his own living as clerk in a counting house at Saint Croix, but his genius being soon recognized funds were raised by his friends to enable him to come to America to finish his education. He arrived here in 1772 and in 1774 entered college where he made a brilliant record as a student. In March, 1776, he secured a commission in the Continental Army and participated in important battles of the Revolution, displaying skill and courage. He also served as aid-de-camp on the staff of Washington. At the close of the war he was but 24 years of age, but was even then considered one of the great men of the day. He was elected to the Continental Congress from New York October 1, 1782, but resigned in 1783 and returned to the practice of law. He took an active part in the preparation of the Constitution of which he was a signer. When Congress in 1789 established a Treasury Department, Washington at once made Hamilton its first Secretary, where his great ability was devoted to organizing the Department and inaugurating a successful national financial policy. The Encyclopedia Americana in its biography of this great public character says "American history presents no more striking character than Alexander Hamilton. He was not popular, nor did he strive after popularity, but after 100 years his name still holds a noble eminence. He lived for the public good. Eloquent and refined, able and brilliant, the embodiment of devotion, integrity and courage, he has left as deep a mark upon our political institutions as any other statesman our country has produced."

## Order of Exercises, May 17, 1923, 3 P. M.

HON. A. W. MELLON,  
Secretary of the Treasury, Presiding

Music

Invocation

REV. EDGAR A. HAMILTON

Introductory Remarks by Presiding Officer

Unveiling of Monument by

MISS ELEANOR E. HAMILTON

Music, "Star Spangled Banner"

Salute from U. S. Coast Guard Cutter "Apache"

At Anchor in  
Potomac River

Floral Tributes

Presentation of the  
Monument by

JUSTICE JOSIAH A. VAN ORSDEL

Introduction of the Sculptor, Mr. James E. Fraser

Address by the PRESIDENT

and acceptance of the Memorial on behalf of the United States

Benediction

REV. E. LAURENS HAMILTON

Taps

Music by U. S. Marine Band

LIEUT. WM. H. SANTELMANN, Director

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### Alexander Hamilton Memorial Commission

Hon. A. W. Mellon,  
Chairman of Commission.

Hon. Frank D. Brandegee,

Hon. Norman J. Gould,

Justice Josiah A. Van Orsdel,

Mr. Paul Sleman,

Mr. James A. Wetmore,  
Executive and Disbursing Officer.

Mr. L. A. Simon,  
Secretary of Commission.



### Historical Sketch of the Alexander Hamilton Association

The Alexander Hamilton National Memorial Association was organized in February, 1908, for the purpose of raising, by public or private subscription, the money necessary to erect a suitable memorial in the form of a monument or statue to perpetuate the memory and commemorate the public achievements of Alexander Hamilton. The organization of the Association was due to the efforts of Mr. Franklin W. Collins, at that time an attorney in the Department of Justice. The Association was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, the incorporators being Josiah A. Van Orsdel, Franklin W. Collins, Charles G. Dawes, Henry D. Estabrook, William H. Ball, Philip M. Ashford and Paul Sleman. Justice John M. Harlan of the Supreme Court of the United States was elected President of the Association, Mr. Franklin W. Collins and Mr. Paul Sleman, Secretaries, and Hon. Milton E. Ailes, Treasurer. Upon the death of Justice Harlan, Justice Josiah A. Van Orsdel was elected President of the Association. Through the efforts of the Association, Congress appropriated Ten Thousand Dollars for the preparation of a site and the erection of a pedestal. While the work of raising funds for the statue was progressing, a New York woman, who desires that her name be not disclosed, agreed to contribute the funds necessary to erect the statue, if the Association would provide for the erection of the pedestal. The funds required for the erection of the pedestal, beyond the amount appropriated by Congress, were furnished by the Alexander Hamilton Association.

Dedicatory ceremonies arranged by  
Office of Public Buildings and Grounds  
Lt. Col. C. O. Sherrill, U. S. A., in charge.

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Guard of Honor consisting of landing force from U. S. Coast Guard Cutter "Manning." Officers and men of the U. S. Coast Guard assisting in the unveiling and serving as ushers.

The U. S. Coast Guard Cutters "Manning" and "Apache" ordered to Washington in connection with the ceremony, by Rear-Admiral W. E. Reynolds, U. S. C. G.

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Decorations by Frederick D. Owen.